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To: Public Health Committee

From: Brian Jud – Public Policy Specialist, Connecticut Community Providers Association

Re: **HB 6388** AAC Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Please accept this testimony **in support of HB 6388** AAC Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

The Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA) represents organizations that provide services and supports for people with disabilities and significant challenges including children and adults with substance use disorders, mental illness, developmental, and physical disabilities. Community providers deliver quality health and human services to 500,000 of Connecticut's residents each year. We are the safety net.

**CCPA supports HB 6388**, An Act Concerning Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, which proposes replacing the terms "intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" and "residential facility for the mentally retarded" with "intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" and "residential facility for persons with intellectual disability." Using this language would be in line with federal terminology, as well as in line with Public Act No. 11-16, which revised statutes related to the Department of Developmental Services to use respectful language rather than dated and derogative terminology. We feel it is important to keep DDS and the State of Connecticut on the same page as the federal government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to working with your Committee on these bills, and we welcome any inquiries you might have.

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